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City Clerk's Office

RE: Formal Submission Regarding Municipal Spending and Taxpayer Burden

To the City Clerk,

Please accept the attached submission for the official record. This correspondence serves as a formal expression of frustration regarding the escalating financial pressure placed on local taxpayers.

While inflation impacts everyone, our community is increasingly burdened by rising "day-to-day" expenses driven by administrative overhead and internal municipal spending. Residents are struggling to balance personal budgets while the city continues to expand its own. We request a rigorous review of current fiscal policies to prioritize essential services over administrative growth.

Thank you for ensuring these concerns are brought before the Council.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Zukowski

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To: City Clerk **Re:** 2026 Budget Deliberations

Jan, 25th 2026

Targeted Administrative Reductions

I am writing to urge Council to prioritize taxpayer relief by cutting non-essential administrative overhead and "non-productive" role enhancements. By focusing on internal bureaucracy rather than frontline services, Council can significantly reduce the tax burden.

Requested Cuts:

- **Reject New Admin Enhancements (~\$383,200):** Eliminate the Recruitment Advisor, Arts/Culture Coordinator, and Sustainable Waste Coordinator.
- **5% Corporate Services Reduction (~\$1,000,000):** Streamline existing HR, IT, and Finance administration as requested by 73% of survey respondents.
- **Defer Administrative Capital Projects (~\$3,270,000):** Halt non-critical spending like the Civic Centre A/V upgrades (\$306k) and IT asset renewals (\$1.1M).

Total Savings: ~\$4.65 Million Impact: These cuts would lower the projected tax hike by approximately **3.1%**, bringing the final increase down to **4.86%**. This approach protects the labor contingency for Fire Rescue and maintains all current frontline service levels (Fire, Police, and Snow Removal) while providing much-needed relief to residents.

Respectfully,

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